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For: METHOD FOR SELECTIVELY GENERATING A FLOW
OF GAS FROM AN OPEN END OF A TUBULAR
BODY, SUCH AS A HOSE

CLARIFICATION REGARDING INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The August 12, 2002 Amendment indicated consideration of the July 6, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement. This Information Disclosure Statement included French document 2 707 869. From the International Search Report, it appears that a patent family member for this French document is U.S. Patent 5,636,987.

In the September 26, 2002 Notice of Allowability, the Examiner has indicated that the July 6, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement was not found, but the art from the International Search Report ("PCT Chapter I 210") was considered. While this International Search Report cited the French document 2 707 869, the Examiner has now considered the U.S. equivalent. Therefore, it seems that all documents from the July 6, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement have been considered and no further action is needed.

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